



Texas Round Dance Teachers Association

From the President

Seems we've been here before. . . COVID Cases are rising and several mayors are trying to lock everything down again. All we can do is push through and worry about what is within our control. Since COVID is a virus, and no Corona virus with potential animal reserves has ever been eradicated (SARS, bird flu, common cold, etc.), history says COVID will always be with us. So we learn to live with it. I plan to keep pushing through and continue planning for the TRDTA South dance in February as long as cuers are willing to cue, dancers show up to dance, and TRDTA members say they want the festival to continue.



As I'm writing this, the TRDTA meeting hasn't happened yet, but I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible, and glad there are those that can't make it because they are dancing! Glad you're dancing, not glad we won't see you. Hopefully, there will be more to report as we move to the next newsletter (LRDA September Festival, CENTEX, TRDTA Meeting, and planned dances in the future, And Beyond!).

Hope to See You Round,
Ron and Pat Plouch

Nominations for TRDTA Officers

Nominations for officers for the 2022-2023 term are solicited for the TRDTA Board. Those nominations should be sent to Bob "Ski" and Kay Kurczewski by November 15, 2021. The current TRDTA Board consists of the following officers:

- Ron and Pat Plouch, President
- Bob and Kay Kurczewski, Vice President
- Linda Pelton, Treasurer

All of the above officers have agreed to run for the next term.

Note: The Secretary position on the board is an appointed position.

Membership in TRDTA

Membership on the TRDTA website reflects all currently active members.

To become a member of TRDTA,
please send an email indicating your interest in membership to:
Linda Pelton at peltondances@gmail.com

The membership form on the TRDTA website is a editable PDF.
Please complete the form and then send it by email.

Receiving the quarterly newsletter by email is one of the benefits of your membership.



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Festival Reports

Festival reports can include festivals in the surrounding states if a good number of Texas dancers attend the festival or if clinicians are TRDTA members.

ICBDA Convention

June 30-July 3, 2021 – Kingsport, Tennessee

This year's ICBDA convention was a highlight for many dancers who were just getting back to dancing. Approximately 324 dancers enjoyed the convention in the MeadowView Resort and Convention Center. TRDTA cuers present at the convention included JL and Linda Pelton, Fred and Linda Ayres, Jan and David Toms, Karen and Ed Gloodt, and George and Pamela Hurd. George and Pamela taught a Phase 6 Rumba, Love's Gone, in the 5/6 hall, and Fred and Linda Ayres taught a Phase 4 Foxtrot, A Hard Day's Night in the 3/4 hall. Their dance was a standby teach, but they were brought in to replace another cuer at the last minute. There were also many Texans attending the convention.

Cuing News a-Round Texas

News a-Round Texas includes all information from cuer members about their lessons and club received by the newsletter deadline. Newsletters are published approximately four times a year in March, June, September, and December.

If you are interested in attending a club in Texas, please contact the cuer for the most up-to-date information on venue and nights dancing. Many clubs might be closed on the date you want to visit as venues change and unexpected closures happen, or someone is simply not teaching that month. See the TRDTA website at www.trdta.org for the directory information which includes the telephone numbers of all the TRDTA cuers. Email addresses are hot links on each cuer's name.

Fred and Linda Ayres – Longview, TX

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We are continuing classes for a small group of Intermediate/Advanced Dancers on Tuesday evenings. We were fortunate to teach at three different festivals in the month of June and wrote two new dances for two of the festivals. We took a three week hiatus to travel to festivals and then visit family in Pennsylvania after the ICBDA festival.

Basic/Intermediate Class – Tuesday Nights – Longview

We were able to finish one of the May teaches and proceeded to some new ones.

- A Bird Without Wings, 4 STS, Gloodt
- Chasing the Sun, 4 RB, Collins
- Curame, 4 CH, Foral
- Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying, 5 BL, Preskitt
- Loving You Rumba, 4 RB, Foral
- Stuck With U, 4 STS, Townsend-Manning



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Phase 4-6 Class – now Tuesday Nights – Longview

Phase 4/6 - This class has been moved to later on Tuesdays since there are no beginners.

- A Hard Day's Night, 4 FT, Ayres
- First Day of My Life, 5 WZ, Ayres
- Love's Gone, 6 RB, Hurd
- You Make Me Feel Like West Coast, 5 WCS, Garza

Advanced Class – Wednesday Nights – Bossier City, LA

We have also been doing teaching in Bossier City, LA with their advanced group on A Bird Without Wings, A Hard Day's Night, First Day of My Life, Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying, and Chasing the Sun.

Fred and Linda

Karen and Ed Gloodt – Ardmore, OK

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Carousel Club #386

Taught over the summer:

- Waltz of Chihiro (Hilton) 5 WZ
- Cheek to Cheek (Chadd) 4 FT
- That Swing Thing (Byrd) 4 FT
- Loving You Rumba (Foral) 4 RB
- The Bard (Lamberty) 5 WZ
- Orient Express (Moore) 5 FT
- Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying (Preskitt) 5 BL
- Dark Waltz (Vogt) 6 WZ

Reviews:

- Mi Vida Sin Tu Amor (Gloodt) 4 BL
- Sleeping Beauty (Moore) 5 BL

Karen and Ed

Christine and Theron Hixson – Garland, TX

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Carousel Club #342

Lessons – Monday – Basic Lessons – Garland, TX

We will be starting a set of lessons on Monday nights (September 13) at Granger Recreation Center. We are going to spend the first 30-45 minutes or so of the evening just dancing basic waltz, two-step, cha cha, and rumba for floor time in those rhythms, and the rest of the evening will be intermediate waltz instruction. In the last set of lessons, the students really liked the “just dancing” format at the beginning of the evening and wanted us to continue it.



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Ramblin' Rounds – Tuesdays – Phases 3-4-5 – Garland, TX

- My Heart Will Go On, 4+2 BL, Vogt
- Chicago, 4+2+1 QS, Preskitt
- Loving You Rumba, 4+2 RB, Foral
- Hola Amor, 5 BL, Goss-Figwer
- This is the Life, 4 FT, Rumble
- That Swing Thing, 4 FT, Byrd
- Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride, 4 CH, Shotting
- Right Here Waiting for You, 5 BL, Preskitt (reviewed)

Christine and Theron Hixson

George and Pamela Hurd – Gilmer, TX

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Still not a lot to report from us. The good news is that we enjoyed dancing and teaching at ICBDA in Kingsport, TN, taught our Phase 6 Rumba “Loves Gone” and also enjoyed dancing and learning at Roundarama in West LaFayette, Indiana. Both events allowed us to renew our brains and our stamina and we survived with sore feet, but otherwise happy and healthy. We are still a go to start the Mesa Season on Oct 31st and hoping it will survive the uptick in Covid hospitalizations throughout the country. Hope to be able to give more good dancing news by the next newsletter. At least we know from our dancing at ICBDA & RAR that we still love dancing and remember how to follow directions!

George and Pamela

Gloria Jackson – Beaumont, TX

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We are dancing every week but taking a year off from dancing was not a good idea. It's taking a while to get back into the dancing groove. I do have plans to go to Fontana as long as the hurricanes stay away. Not much other news. Hope to see some of you at Centex in October.

Be safe and stay healthy,

Gloria Jackson

Kay and Bob Kurczewski – Liberty Hill, TX

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Here it is, the end of the “Dog Days of Summer,” and it is great to see so many people back to dancing. There have been quite a few major dance events that have been held in the past few months, and everyone we have talked to was very pleased with the attendance and the enjoyment that was displayed by the dancers.

We have attended one major festival, the second weekend of June, where we were the featured cuers. The Festival was the “Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Festival” in Breezy Point, MN, overlooking a beautiful lake. The organizers were very pleased with the attendance. They were surprised that over 60% of those attending pre-registered for the next year. The festival center was



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carpeted and they had some really nice shoe coverings available, which made it very easy to slide on the carpet. Everyone was happy with both the square and round dance program. Minnesota really has some great callers and cuers, which made our job a pleasure. We presented three dances in the round dance hall. One of the dances is our new Phase 3 Tango-Jive which we wrote for the Festival. It was written to be an introduction to Tango and includes all six of the Round-A-Lab figures. The Jive portion is also a phase 3 Jive, which most of your phase 3 dancers could do to cues. The dance was very well accepted, and it was requested to be cued at both the pre-rounds and during the evening dance.

After the Festival we decided to take an extended road trip further north, to see friends and to sightsee a region of the country where we have never been. This was a new experience for both of us since we had never been that far north. We got as far north as Lake Superior in Minnesota and started heading east from there. We were hoping to go see friends in Canada, but the border was still closed due to Covid. We were able to see friends and dancers in the “U. P.” (Upper Peninsula) of Michigan before heading south to a warmer climate. It was a tad nippy for us when the temps were in the upper 60’s to low 70’s. Our thin Texas Blood showed itself!! From there we started heading south, again visiting relatives and dance friends, as we worked our way back home to Texas at the end of June.

Once we got back home it was back to our dance program and chores around the house. We have been doing a lot of reviewing of dances with the dancers. We are trying to give them the floor time so that they feel more comfortable dancing when they attend some of the numerous special dances that are scheduled in the next few months. You need to check out the Events section of this Newsletter to see what events are coming up and support them. Without your support, the events become a thing of the past. Don’t let this happen to our dance activity.

Here are some of the dances we have either taught or reviewed since the last TRDTA Newsletter:

Teaches

- Buona Sera Segnorina (3TG/JV) Kurczewski
- Only You Foxtrot (4RB) Rotscheid
- Loving You Rumba (4RB) Foral
- Don’t Let the Sun Catch You Crying (5BL) Preskitt
- Memories (3RB) Rotscheid
- Te Quiero Dejiste (3RB) Sperry
- Let Me Show You How (4JV) Slater

Reviewed

- Castles & Kings (5WZ) Slater
- Candlelight (5WZ) Goss

Dances Taught at Minnesota State Square & Round Dance Festival

- Buona Sera Segnorina (3TG/JV) Kurczewski
- Memories (4RB) Rotscheid
- Just Bummin’ Around (4FT) Kurczewski

In closing we hope this finds you in the best of health and back on the dance enjoying this great activity.

Take care ~ ~ BE SAFE & STAY HEALTHY
Kay and Bob “Ski’s” Kurczewski



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Tammy and Marvin Lee – Friendswood, TX

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It's been a long hot summer, then here comes hurricane season. Our hearts go out to anyone threatened by a hurricane, especially our Louisiana neighbors and friends, who seem to have gotten more than enough the past two seasons.

We're looking forward to Centex and the Vogts in October and hoping the pandemic doesn't affect this event, or any upcoming round dance event.

Sending our continued prayers to Martha and Ed Koslosky for better health ahead.

Gulf Coast Rounds - Phase 2-4, Houston – Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 to 3:00PM

In June, July and August at GCR, we reviewed or taught the following dances:

- Too Many Rivers, 4 ST, Hooper
- Jamestown Ferry, 4 ST, Seuer
- Dance With The Devil, 4 CH, Pelton
- The Spinning Wheel, 4 WZ, Smith
- Coney Island IV, 4 WZ Gloodt
- Te Quiero Dejiste, 3 RB, Sperry
- Watermark IV, 4 WZ, Brewer
- Annabelle, 4 WZ, Raye
- Thinkin' of a Rendezvous, 2 TS, Woolcock

Gulf Coast Rounds - Phase 3 - 5, Houston – Thursdays 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

In June, July and August at GCR, we reviewed or taught the following dances:

- A Guy is a Guy, 5 JV, Preskitt
- Beat of Your Heart, 5 ST, Preskitt
- 42nd Street 4 You, 4 QS, Rothscheid
- Cuando Me Cha, 5 CH, Preskitt
- Loving You Rumba, 4 RB, Foral
- Donde Esta Yolanda, 4 MB, Parker
- Marilyn Marilyn, 4 WZ, Palmquist
- The Last Blues Song, 5 FT, Scherrer
- Laurann, 4 WZ, Preskitt

Tammy and Marvin

Tricia Morley and Dennis Artz – La Grange, TX

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Monday – Rockne – VFW Hall 7-9 pm.

Wednesday – Bastrop Senior Center – 7-9 pm

(in partnership with the City of Bastrop Recreation Program)

In June we finished up the beginner Rumba/Cha lessons. Rumbas taught included:

- Non Dimenticar
- All I Ask of You
- Venus 3
- One Call Away



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- Rumba in the Dark
- South of Santa Fe

These Cha Chas were taught:

- Montego Bay
- Black Horse and Cherry Tree

We started teaching Waltz and Foxtrot in July. Here are the Foxtrots taught:

- Go Away Little Girl
- My Shy Violet
- Your Life (3)

These are the Waltzes taught:

- Mission Bell
- Brahms Waltz (3)
- Break Up to Make Up
- Tips of My Fingers
- Edelweiss
- All Night
- Spinning Wheel
- Foolish Hearts

We also started teaching Rounds in La Grange when Road Runners have their square dance night. We started with basic Rumba and Cha Cha figures and hope to finish up dancing Venus and South of Santa Fe next week. When Roadrunners start their new square dance classes the first week of October, we will start teaching Waltz.

September 1st we are starting Two Step lessons weekly in Rockne and Bastrop. On the 5th Tuesday of the month (which happens only quarterly) we have secured a hall for a small practice night for our beginner phase 2 and 3 dancers. This gives all of our dancers a chance to get together and meet other new beginner dancers learning the same skills.

Tricia & Dennis

JL and Linda Pelton – Dallas, TX

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Carousel Club #385

Dance Arounds – Thursdays evenings – 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Plano, TX

We were delighted to finally get back into the Sam Johnson Recreation Center for Adults 50+ in mid-July. We're always amused by that long name. The Senior Center was much easier to say. Great facility and it was nice to get back into the ballroom after its use as a vaccination center the first six months of the year.

We are all rusty! Since it was mid-July our teach report only includes six weeks of teaching which has been a combination of new material and reviewing trouble spots. We don't usually document those reviews unless we spend quite a bit of time on the full dance.

- Don't Let the Sun Catch You Crying, 5 BL, Preskitt
- A Wink and a Smile, 5 FT, Rumble
- My Heart Will Go On, 4 BL, Vogt
- Loving You Rumba, 4 RB, Foral
- Lady Marmalade, 4 CH, DeChenne



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We took the long drive to Kingsport, TN for ICBDA. We have decided that was way too much time in the car. We had planned a side trip after convention to Wake Forest, NC, and discovered our route took us through Winston-Salem, site of the ICBDA convention in 2023. Since we will be co-chairs for that convention, we stopped by to view the facility on the way home.

At least on the route back home, we figured out how to outsmart the in-vehicle GPS and not go through the I-40 bridge at Memphis. Going to Kingsport, we went up north and when we thought we were far enough north, we put Kingsport back into the GPS.

Au contraire, even that far north that darn GPS in the car took us all the way back down to Memphis. We will take a paper map with us next time. We kept thinking it didn't seem right. We also discovered that the in-vehicle GPS is pitiful for finding restaurants. We said, yes, let's go to that Panera Bread restaurant that's listed as an option in a small town on our route. Ten minutes later we arrived -- at a house in the suburbs! Our old Garmin did a much better job finding restaurants.

Linda and JL

Ron and Pat Plouch – San Antonio, TX

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Ronde Rounds – Sunday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. – San Antonio area

We're still dancing our summer schedule, so no teaches are happening; we're just dancing. Due to medical reasons, we've pushed back our Foxtrot for the Beginning Dancer Class to begin in October instead of September, and we'll have to miss LRDA's September Festival as well as CENTEX, but we'll be there in our hearts and in our dreams.

Hope to see you around.

Ron and Pat

Marilyn and Jerral Waguespak – Freeport, TX

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Great news here!!! I just learned that we will be able to return to the Alvin Senior Center in October! So-o-o-o excited to begin dancing again and sharing this awesome activity!!!

Marilyn

Wag-A-Round Dance Club

New Choreography by TRDTA Members

If the information was included by the choreographers, the new choreography includes an active link so you can download the cuesheets from various websites. Otherwise, please search Roundalab's Index of Rounds for the cuesheet or contact the choreographer.

Kay and Bob Kurczewski

- Buona Sera Segnorina (3TG/JV) presented at Minnesota State Square and Round Dance Festival

Fred and Linda Ayres

- [First Day of My Life](#)
- [A Hard Day's Night](#) – presented at ICBDA, Kingsport, TN



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Future Dance Event Flyers

Flyers for these events, if available, are posted at www.trdta.org on the Dance Flyers page. Here is a direct link to the TRDTA Dance Events page www.trdta.org/upcomingevents.html to download the flyers.

Send any flyers you have that you want posted to JL Pelton at peltondances@gmail.com. Festivals or weekends *must* include a round dance teaching component to be posted on the TRDTA website or in this newsletter.

- **Centex**
34th Annual Centex Festival, Phase 3-5, October 8-10, 2021, La Grange, TX
Debby and Tim Vogt – Rounds only – Phase 3-5
- **Harvest Holiday Festival**
60-61st Annual Harvest Holiday Festival, November 26-28, 2021, Dallas, TX
Randy and Marie Preskitt – Rounds only – Phase 4-6
There are no pre-festival dances and teaches this year.
For more information see: www.harvestholiday.com
- **TRDTA South Festival**, February 25-26, 2022, La Grange, TX
TRDTA cuers – Rounds only – Phase 2-4

List of Roundalab Classics and ICBDA Hall of Fame Dances

The Ski's included in their dance report an updated list of the Roundalab classics along with the ICBDA Hall of Fame dances. That list has been attached in the email with this newsletter and will be posted on the TRDTA website. Thanks so much to the Skis for providing this handy list.

The Top 25 dances by phase chosen by the ICBDA Kingsport, TN, attendees is available on the ICBDA website. Log in to the site and choose the menu link "Top 15 Dances." Then click the link, "The 2021 Top 25 dances in each phase."

If you are wondering, the Top 15 dances includes two phases. In most cases the Top 15 phase 3 and 4 list is all phase 4 dances; the Top 15 dances for phase 5 and 6 are mostly phase 5 dances, with only one or two phase 6 dances making the Top 15.

Note: If your membership to ICBDA has expired and you are unable to access the ICBDA website, you might consider rejoining the organization to support our dance activity.
